

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add a paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/SE2004/000445, filed 24 March 2004, which claims priority of Swedish Application No. 0301093-1, filed 14 April 2003. The PCT International Application was published in the English language.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a method pertaining to a particle filter according to the invention ~~preamble of claim 1~~, a device pertaining to a particle filter ~~according to the preamble of claim 7~~, a silencer comprising such an arrangement, ~~and~~ for a vehicle powered by a combustion engine.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved according to the invention with a method of the kind mentioned in the introduction by the invention. Hence the accumulation in the filter of an excess of soot particles, which might result in damage to the filter from eventual ignition, is prevented.